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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (9-6831) (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: CG)

Re Los Angeles airtel to Chicago dated 2/8/77.

For the information of the Bureau, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] representing television entertainer JOHNNY CARSON, was interviewed by agents of the Los Angeles Division on 2/2/77, at which time [REDACTED] advised CARSON had received a letter dated 1/19/76, postmarked 1/20/77, which threatened CARSON's life. The letter was from [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED] advised CARSON had received approximately 15 letters from the same individual on previous occasions, however, the previous letters contained no direct threats to CARSON's life. [REDACTED] also indicated that an individual, believed by CARSON and [REDACTED] to be identical with [REDACTED] has come to CARSON's home in Bel Air, California, on four to five occasions beginning in March, 1975. On one occasion the individual appeared at CARSON's home, spoke to CARSON threatening to kill him. [REDACTED] advised on each occasion, the local police department was called. Efforts by the Los Angeles Office have failed to reveal any record concerning the subject or the incidents wherein [REDACTED] allegedly visited CARSON's home.

Contact with AUSA [REDACTED] on 2/22/77, revealed he would withhold a prosecutive opinion concerning possible Federal violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 876-Extortion by [REDACTED] in sending the letter to CARSON pending an interview of [REDACTED] by Bureau agents.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Efforts to interview [] on 2/23/77, have resulted in contact with [] Chicago, Illinois, who advised [] is apparently leaving the building before too long. He described [] as living alone and being unemployed. [] phone has been disconnected.

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Chicago continuing efforts to locate and interview [] concerning this matter.

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A MAILGRAM DATED APRIL 13, 1977 AT HIS HOME, BEL AIR, CALIFORNIA.

MAILGRAM STATED [] INTENDED LEAVING CHICAGO VIA UNITED AIRLINES IL.

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FLIGHT 117, 10:00 P.M. ON APRIL 18, 1977 TO LOS ANGELES. CONTACT

WITH [] BY BUREAU AGENTS DURING EVENING OF APRIL 15, 1977,

REVEALED HE WAS LEAVING FOR LOS ANGELES APRIL 18, 1977, ILL

INTENDING TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS WITH HIS FRIEND CARSON. FLIGHT

PLANS FOR [] VERIFIED BY UNITED AIRLINES.

AUSA CHICAGO CONTACTED. AUTHORIZED PROSECUTION. COMPLAINT
FILED BEFORE USM OLGA JURCO APRIL 18, 1977. MAGISTRATE'S
WARRANT ISSUED. [] ARRESTED BY BUREAU AGENTS WITHOUT INCIDENT
APRIL 18, 1977. [] TO APPEAR BEFORE USM, CHICAGO ON APRIL 19,
1977.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE APR 22 1977	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/2/77 - 4/20/77
TITLE OF CASE FUGITIVE; JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY KKd b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE: Chicago airtel to the Bureau, dated 2/28/77.

Chicago teletype to the Bureau, dated 4/18/77.

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CC TO: **[REDACTED]**
REQ. REC'D **3-24-87**

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ANS.
BY: **RIF/syx**

LEADS

LOS ANGELESAT BEL AIR, CALIFORNIA.

security agency, for records relating to **[REDACTED]** intrusion at the CARSON residence during 1976.

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA.

Contact **[REDACTED]**

[REDACTED] obtaining originals of most recent letter and mail-gram received by CARSON from **[REDACTED]**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
		1					PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED **[Signature]** SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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COPIES MADE:

- ① - Bureau (9-62641)
1 - USA, Chicago (ATTN: AUSA **[REDACTED]**)

- 2 - Los Angeles (9-6032)
2 - Chicago (9-6831)

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report:				
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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1) Conduct appropriate interviews at the Playboy Club, 919 North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois.

2) Contact [] Chicago, Illinois, concerning letter bearing her signature sent to the Playboy Club as well as any information she may have concerning [] correspondence with CARSON.

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3) Contact [] [] Chicago, Illinois, concerning a similar letter and any information she may have concerning [] correspondence with CARSON.

4) Follow and report prosecution of [] in Chicago, Illinois.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted Chicago is claiming a fugitive stat in instant matter since at the time the warrant was issued, [] location was unknown, but the arrest was effected prior to the time an NCIC entry could be made.

Additional leads for the Los Angeles Division will be set forth by Chicago via airtel which will include arrest photographs of [] for proposed photograph displays to appropriate individuals. It is suggested interviews of CARSON's household personnel, et cetera, be held in abeyance pending receipt by the Los Angeles Division of [] photograph.

Chicago indices failed to reflect any reference identical with []

Contact with the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, reveals a psychological test would be requested by the Government for [] in this matter at the earliest possible opportunity.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1-USA, CHICAGO (ATTENTION: ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY [redacted])

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: CHICAGO
Date: APRIL 21, 1977

Field Office File #: 9-6831 Bureau File #: 9-62641

Title: [redacted]
JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

[redacted] representing JOHNNY CARSON, Los Angeles, California, advised correspondence from [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, sent via United States mail to CARSON in California. Letter dated 1/19/76, contained threats against CARSON with phrases, "I think most men would have committed suicide or killed you" and "...then it is time for our OK CORRAL". AUSA, Chicago, requested interview of [redacted] [redacted] advised letter dated 1/19/76 meant as a threat and was made out of frustration over CARSON's refusal to help [redacted] launch an acting career. [redacted] advised he had no intention of following through with any action on his part. [redacted] stated he was not aware such threats constituted Federal violation and advised he intended not to write nor contact CARSON again. Criminal record checks reveal no criminal record for [redacted] On 4/15/77, mail communications indicating [redacted] intended traveling to Los Angeles, on 4/18/77. [redacted] contacted and related he intended to fly to Los Angeles, for the purpose of conferring with CARSON. On 4/18/77, AUSA, Chicago, authorized prosecution and complaint which was filed that same date before United States Magistrate, Northern District of Illinois, OLGA JURCO, charging [redacted] with violation Title 18, United States Code, 876-Extortion. Magistrate's warrant issued that day. [redacted] arrested 4/18/77, advised by phrase, "...then it is time for our OK CORRAL", he did not intend to threaten to shoot CARSON, only "slug" him. United States

Magistrate, on 4/19/77, set bail at \$10,000.00 secured. On 4/20/77, contact with Playboy Club, Chicago, Illinois, revealed additional letters written by [] were received. [] had physical confrontation with [] when he was involuntarily ejected from club in September, 1976.

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ENCLOSURE

TO-USA

There is enclosed for the United States Attorney's Office Xerox copies of letters furnished by [] Playboy Club, Chicago, Illinois, as described in the details of this report.

DETAILS

Predication

This case was predicated on information furnished by the Los Angeles Division which advised of contact with [] representing television entertainer JOHNNY CARSON. [] advised of a threatening letter received by CARSON from [] and related [] may have, in fact, gone to CARSON's home located in Bel Air, California.

Los Angeles advised on February 3, 1977, Detective [], Los Angeles Police Department, West Los Angeles Division, advised that a search of the West Los Angeles Division Field Interrogation Records and arrest records for [] for the past three years reflected no information identical with []. Los Angeles advised the Los Angeles Police Department Division contacted would have jurisdiction in the area where CARSON's property is located.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/8/771

[redacted] representing television entertainer JOHNNY CARSON, telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Division of the FBI to advise that his client, CARSON, had received a letter threatening his life. [redacted] advised that CARSON received a letter postmarked January 20, 1977, at Chicago, Illinois, from a [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] advised this letter was mailed to CARSON at his home address of 400 St. Cloud Road, Bel Air, California, 90200.

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[redacted] advised that he believed this letter contained threats against Mr. CARSON's life even though it was non-sensical in nature. [redacted] further stated that CARSON has received in the recent past approximately 15 letters from the same individual although these previous letters have contained no direct threats. [redacted] also indicated that an individual believed by himself and CARSON to be identical to [redacted] has come to CARSON's home in Bel Air on approximately 4 or 5 occasions beginning in approximately March 1975. [redacted] advised that on these occasions this individual climbed the fence and came to the front door demanding to see CARSON, and on one occasion did see him. [redacted] advised that this individual, when he appeared at CARSON's home, threatened to kill CARSON, [redacted] and whoever else was present. On each occasion, [redacted] stated the local police were called and this individual was escorted away from CARSON's property, but he did not know if any arrests were made.

[redacted] advised that CARSON does not know this individual and has no previous contacts with him other than the other occasion on which he met CARSON at his home.

[redacted] advised he could be contacted at his office, [redacted] California.
telephone number [redacted]

Interviewed on 2/2/77 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 9-603

by SA [redacted] /aml Date dictated 2/8/77

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2/8/77

Date of transcription

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On February 3, 1977, [REDACTED]

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California, furnished SA [REDACTED] a two-page typewritten letter from [REDACTED] mailed to JOHNNY CARSON. In addition, [REDACTED] furnished the envelope in which this letter was mailed from Chicago, Illinois, and four attachments received with with letter concerning various applications made by [REDACTED] to the University of the West Indies, University of Pennsylvania, University of St. Andrews, and the Queen's University of Belfast.

A xerox copy of the above documents is attached hereto.

Interviewed on 2/3/77 at [REDACTED] California File # Los Angeles 9-603

by SA [REDACTED] /aml Date dictated 2/8/77

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January 19, 1976

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois [redacted]

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Dear Sir:

I'm forgetting about style, grammar, and punctuation----and telling it like it is. Please believe me, these words are from my heart, honest and truthful.

[redacted] is undergoing serious surgery tomorrow morning, Carter's Inauguration Day. He collapsed on the job from pressure and stress. Check and verify---- he's in [redacted] Nebraska.

I have had enough and I'm not taking it anymore. I have never bowed before man before---whether [redacted] the University of Nebraska, Penn Law School, Ford, or President Carter. But I am now smart enough to see that I must bow before you to save my life from ruin. I have a problem even in going into the Marine Corp.

Come hell or high water, [redacted] are picking up my furniture and I'm moving away from Chicago forever. I as a national jack can't find a job. When they take my furniture back to Nebraska in February or March, I'll be packing my bags for Los Angeles, for the fifth time. I write for an interviewer. If my acting career is over, I'll understand. But I'm hoping that interviewer can get me into the Marine Corp as an officer. I simply can't do this on my own. And I'm too broke to move to another city and start over again.

Check the signature and prints of [redacted] The University of Chicago was considering my application until June 16, 1976, 4 to 5 weeks after you and [redacted] took my letter for help as a jack. I'm a Nebraska boy, Mr. Carson, and I've tried like hell to do good and make something of myself. I really had a tremendous start in Chicago.

Yes, I'm embarrassed by what has happened these past months. But I'll be damned if I can hear your interviewers. The wax in my ears plugs up my ducts more, much more, after I received that blow at the back of the head this summer. I thought an elderly couple were your interviewers before Christmas. When I turned to take it in the back----I thought I heard the word suicide.

That turned me off. I suppose then it is my mistake.

But too much damage has been done to my life. It would certainly be Christian of you if you could send a subtle interviewer to knock on my door. The old confidence is returning----- the way I was the first time at your studio. I've taken a tremendous beating---something no man has taken before in American Network History. It affected---me, and I think you can see that from the plethora of letters. I should have been on my way to an extraordinary acting career. Why I'm not, I just don't understand. I just don't understand why I buckled. I think most men would have committed suicide or killed you.

I certainly want that acting career. But if that is not possible then have Mr. McMahon get me into the Marine Corp. I wouldn't be writing if I could get into the Corp alone. They do a thorough research into my past----- Nebraska. If you can't send an interviewer to help me be of service to our nation, then it is time for our OK CORRAL. I pray to God for your patience and understanding.

Yours respectfully,

[Redacted Signature]

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I can't even afford a literary agent for my books.

And [Redacted] has moved back

to Canada.

--- And believe me, this --- it's over the moon.

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18 months ago I had
something to prove to
a state - now I
have something to prove
to a nation. I mean
this sincerely.

CABLE AND TELEGRAPH

UNIVERSITY

PHONE 927-6061



OUR REFERENCE

MONA, KINGSTON 7

JAMAICA

September 10, 1976

Dear

This is to let you know that accommodation has been reserved for you in TAYLOR HALL, with effect from September 27, 1976.

Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Bursar immediately.

If you accept the University's offer of a room in Hall, a reservation fee of Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) should be enclosed. This sum will be credited to your residence fee for the coming year.

Should you later wish to cancel your room reservation, the Bursar will return your booking fee, provided that written notice of your cancellation is sent to your Warden by September 6, 1976.

Yours sincerely,

Lodgings Officer.

Chicago
Illinois
U.S.A.

cc: Warden

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA 19174

The Law School.
3400 Chestnut Street 14

February 16, 1976

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[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

We note from your application that you intend to apply for financial aid. However, before we can determine the amount of financial aid you will be awarded, it will be necessary for you to have sent to us a GAPSFAS report detailing your financial situation. I am enclosing herewith those forms, and I suggest that you fill them in and return them to the address noted on page 2 as quickly as possible.

If you have already taken care of this matter, please write and inform us that we should be in receipt of it in due time.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to write or phone us.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Admissions Assistant

GDW:st

Enclosures

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS

DEAN

PROFESSOR J. M. HOWIE
MEDICAL SCIENCE

PRO DEAN: DR. C. G. INGRAM

ADMISSIONS OFFICER: DR. J. FRAME



FACULTY OF SCIENCE
THE UNIVERSITY
ST. ANDREWS
FIFE

KY16 9AJ

Telephone 4426-8

Dear



Thank you for your inquiry about the Medical Science Course in St Andrews.

Owing to the great demand for places in medical courses in Britain at the moment we do not consider applications from overseas from those who have medical schools in their own country.

I am therefore sorry that I am unable to be of help.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in ink, appearing to read 'John Frame'.

John Frame

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The Queen's University of Belfast

Belfast BT7 1NN Northern Ireland

Telex 74487

S. M. Wisener, BSc, DipEd
Assistant Secretary
(Admissions Officer)

Tel 45133 Ext. 2 3081

Our ref. SMW/MS

Your ref. DIF/1ED

24 November 1976

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[Redacted]
CHICAGO,
Illinois [Redacted]
United States of America.

Dear, [Redacted]

I am referring to your letter of 20 November 1976 enquiring about admission to the Medical School as a graduate applicant.

As you are possibly aware, there is intense competition for places in all Medical Schools in the United Kingdom at the present time. In addition, however, it is the understandable policy of the Faculty of Medicine in this University to give preference to those candidates who have not yet had the benefit of a university education. In view of this, it has been possible to accept literally only one or two graduates in each of the last few years. I must therefore be extremely pessimistic about your chances of success if you should decide to submit an application to this University. While a preliminary selection is made in May or June of each year, no graduate applicants can be accepted until early or mid-September of the proposed year of entry, by which time we have fulfilled our obligations to undergraduate applicants through the UCCA.

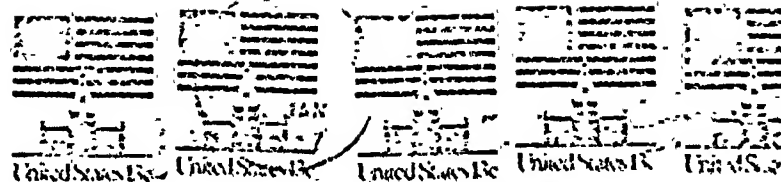
I am sending under separate cover a copy of our medical prospectus for your information, along with a direct application form which you should complete and return to this office if you should decide to make application. However, I would emphasise that the chances of gaining admission to the Medical School are extremely slim indeed.

Yours sincerely,

M. Wisener
Admissions Officer



ago, Illinois



MR. JOHNNY CARSON

PERSONAL

400 St. Cloud Road

Bel Air, California 90200

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On February 7, 1977, [redacted]

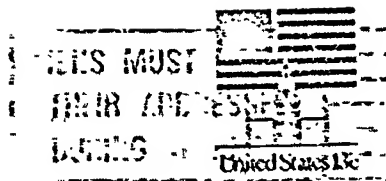
[redacted] California, furnished SA [redacted] with ten letters of [redacted] mailed to JOHNNY CARSON. In addition, [redacted] furnished the envelopes for these letters and advised that numerous individuals, including CARSON's household staff had handled each of them.

Xerox copies of the above documents are attached hereto.

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Cg. 9-6821-4

Interviewed on 2/9/77 at [redacted] California File # Los Angeles 9-6032
SA's [redacted] and [redacted]
by [redacted] RAM/aml Date dictated 2/10/77



Mr. Johnny Carson
IMPORTANT
400 St. Cloud Road
Bel Air, California 90200

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois [redacted]

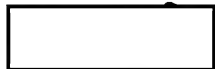
Dear Sir:

I simply can't take it anymore. [redacted] is very sick, [redacted] is brutal, and I'm unemployed with no hope of affording a foreign medical school. My mind is really beginning to sink fast with depression. After what has happened this past weekend, I am really going downhill. I need help. If there is ever a time for an SOS, I need an interviewer which I can spot with my eyes. Let them knock on my door subtly or hang around my apartment building. I swear my life that I will do everything possible with the abilities God has given me to make contact with that interviewer. I would not have tried four times in Los Angeles, if I did not care about you or NBC. I have really had enough of all of this. I can't take any more of it.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

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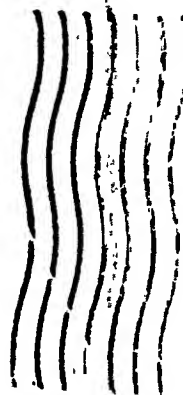


Hotel Cecil



Mr. John Carson
~~400~~ 400 St. Cloud Road
Bel Air, California
90200

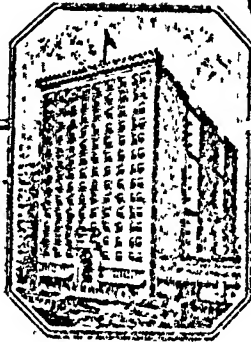
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700 ROOMS

READ

MADISON 4-3841



HOTEL CECIL

Please

640 S. MAIN

LOS ANGELES

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Dear Sirs:

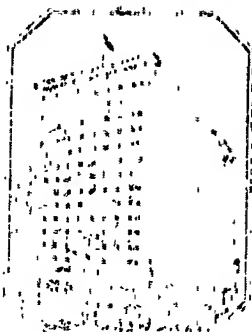
If you can only realize the pressure on [redacted] job during the summer and fall months from officials in the state of Nebraska, you will understand why ~~with~~ I have been indecisive and not sure of the facts. Though [redacted] has been extremely inconsiderate of my endeavors for success, I have always thought of [redacted] and her condition. For this reason, Mr. Carson, I did not crush "Nebraska" with the support of Penn Law School, and for this reason, Mr. Carson, I did not travel to California to be a wealthy actor. In both instances, [redacted] would have been on the street as I find myself now. I did not understand your offer and its implications. This is the reason I treated [redacted] with a sullen and depressed expression. I am

sure you can see the mass of
confusion that possessed my mind
with the plethora of letters I have
written to your home and studio.
After it introduced myself to you
at your home, I knew then I wanted
to take another turn at bat. And
I will ~~not~~ state ~~not~~
publicly with this letter, I have not
tried to "pip around" you or NBC.

I am not going to knock
on your door or ~~knock~~ the gates
of NBC to knock McMahon or
 from their feet, though
the simple opportunity for the
latter would be a tremendous
Christmas Present. I'll be in the
park in front of Bel Air that
contains the "Par-3 Golf Course"
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
mornings for a couple of hours at
10:30 A.M. I'll also be at the
Boathouse on Santa Monica Beach
Tuesday afternoon. Please send
an interviewer

There is no family awaiting
my return for Christmas, no relatives
and a Christmas dinner. Only a
Thursday night reservation with an Amtrak

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HOTEL CECIL

640 S. MAIN

LOS ANGELES

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for Christmas Eve in a
lonely dome liner.

I guess this is my
last turn at bat. The damage
you have done with your school
can not be valued in terms
of money. How can you value
a life time, an exceedingly
talented career. The denigrations
of "national jack" and "homosexual"
spread by your studio hurts me
more in my heart than when
I face these charges around
the nation. When I "jack"
and then "back up" tough
, and then
hear behind my back "he

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still may be a tag" I
know the ~~only~~ only way I
can get it all back is to
be an actor with your
support.

I want to come home.
Mr. Carson, I'll certainly keep
my eyes and ears awake for a
"behind the back" interviewer. I am
*now fully ready for interception
of that interviewer, no matter
how subtle. What kind of
~~interview~~ life I'll have if no
interviewer shows up, I know not. I
only know my Christmas Eve
will be spent on an Amtrak
Thursday night with a departure
in Kansas City.

I am still the poised, intelligent,
and tough young man your staff
researched in May and June. As a
small town boy from Nebraska, I ask
only for an opportunity to be the
best actor; at least ~~a~~ a chance to
live without a great burden on my shoulders.
I ask for understanding during this
Christmas Season. Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr. John Carson
400 St. Cloud Road
Bel Air, California 90200

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois [redacted]

Dear Sirs:

Allow me to write there is no hope of a British medical acceptance when each transcript sent by the University of Nebraska is accompanied by a "black letter." This situation was prevalent last spring when I applied to Ireland's medical schools. After paying the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland, their admission's fee, I did not receive even a letter of denial. This fact was brought home to me by a University of Nebraska official who vexed me at the Chicago Playboy Club by stating to me their people were in Ireland and England to facilitate this end. Surely, their means to finance these trips were helped by the money NBC awarded their educational network. I did not want to believe this fact.

Moreover, when I transported [redacted] to a psychiatric hospital in [redacted] the morning before my high school graduation, I dedicated my entire mind to becoming a doctor. Perhaps, for this dedication with respect to NBC, I should apologize. I apologize, though with mixed feelings. For the opportunity for a medical education is now vanished forever. Every transcript from that university is "Blacked." My persistent will didn't want to believe this fact last summer. I am, indeed, a "marked" young man.

Now, Mr. Carson, I can not find a job in Chicago without being called a "national jack" or "Carson's jack." I want that acting career if that was your intent from the middle of May to about the middle of October. There was never any personal doubt about my abilities or talents. I am exceedingly talented. But I could not understand the lack of directness on your part.

I wish not to be a "loser and bum" for my entire life. Those officials at the University of Nebraska wish to pin me into oblivion forever.

Yet, if I could become an actor while making money, I could still write books and finance [redacted] psychiatric expenses. Perhaps, if God is willing, I could run for public office, my vanished dream with the city of Chicago. For I am now a loser because I wished to become a doctor against impossible odds. You and NBC can make me a credit to society or a degenerate fit only for the refuse of Skid Row. If you decide the latter, then at least treat me as a severely wounded animal, and liquidate my life as an act of humanity. There is not a more miserable man on the face of this earth, and if I did not profess Christianity, I would end my life today.

I want to be an actor. I know you realize that once my mind is determined nothing can prevent me from becoming a success with the smallest opportunity. I have already proved that fact with the city of Chicago. I will not be a loser if you do not wish me to be a loser. *I am now an extreme case of a less fortunate person.*

Yours very truly,

Hope working on life

Dear Sir:

Please send an interviewer
immediately to "pick me up" from
the [redacted]

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in [redacted] Arizona. I atone
for any insincere motivations, my
"black" sins, and I hope, though
with a discouraged heart, these
people can see the good that
resides behind a wall of disappointment.
For I certainly care not to dig trenches
if I cared not about my own
sincerity. These people need money
and educational opportunities, not a
"white man" to dig ditches.

My entire perspective is clear
from Chicago. Although
surely will not win any popularity.

admirable career. The power to mold
me into an extraordinary credit
to society is in your hands, Mr. Canine.
I possess the talent and abilities.

Similarly, I wish to go home
to Nebraska for Christmas. I can not
proceed with that intention without an
acting opportunity, an opportunity to
help these less fortunate people. For
I believe the reality to make
Christmas 1976 the memorable, "while
Christmas, resides in your Heart and
the Season's Spirit. Please send
someone "to track me down" on the
[redacted] My entire life and
attitude will change with the
Season's Meaning. I hope everyday
that understanding.

With sincerity,
[redacted]

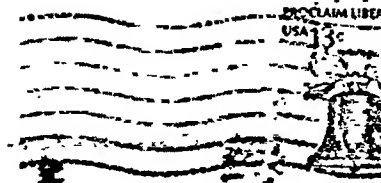
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Chicago, Illinois



FINAL
NOTE



Mr. John Carson
400 St. Cloud Road
Bel Air, California 90200

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[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois [redacted]

Dear Sir:

There is no need for more written words after this brief note; except for the knowfact that I am desirous to leave Chicago, picture yourself walking down a Chicago street and called a national "deviate." I certainly prefer fighting than absorbing four monthes of psychological torture. If you feel from the plethora of letters, I am "cracking," yes, to a degree, I am deeply disappointed and discouraged in being the parish of Chicago.

According to [redacted], you have a letter from President Ford. I have always felt that President Ford has been a good president and my admiration for you and President Ford has not decreased; however, this is another example of the misconceived information promulgated by Penn Law School: I remember the day I walked from their corridors and [redacted] bellowed we are going to "take you down."

I promised I shall not file suit, although my lawyer and his firm are fully behind me in any legal endeavor. I keep my promises. Nevertheless, my will for life ebbs when I see the opportunities I created for myself smoulder into the air because someone possesses fallacious facts and sows them into selfish and degrading revenge. A lawsuit would require national press coverage, involving you, Carter, Ford, Penn Law School, the University of Nebraska, and the Chicago Playboy Club; the largest torts case in American History would be set in motion to vindicate my name and character.

I simply ask, Mr. Carson, that you understand those letters were a means to release pressure and uncertainty. For I am sitting here alone in my apartment with no family to ask for guidance and only several friends to say a pleasant greeting. My job at [redacted] is Thursday to Sunday, 4:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M., which means I possibly may be spending Christmas Eve behind a desk. When I remember the University of Chicago Medical School professors sitting around the bar at the Chicago Playboy Club with a representative from Penn Law School, when I remember a person from the Machine buying me beer while I [redacted] with [redacted] from the Chicago [redacted] Club, I am just [redacted] with [redacted] to the many handicaps I overcame as a youth and student at the University of Nebraska. Life for me is now like a scourge which has defamed my fluids

with a premeditated disdain for my welfare. I can't comprehend how my life has changed; I am confused and distraught.

And if I may add, Mr. Carson, simply working as a janitor in Los Angeles would surely help to restore my confidence in living. I always take a walk across Lake Shore Drive near the fence of Belmont Harbor on Thursday between 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M.; and on Friday I have a beer at Pat's Liquors between 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M.. I am only ☐ and I wish not to see my life decay; I do possess talent and I wish to use that talent. I suppose you have an idea how lonely life can be at times. Please send an interviewer which I can hear precisely. If not, before Thanksgiving, I will travel to Los Angeles to introduce myself. You should at least respect me for the person I am: A young man who wants to achieve and help less fortunate people.

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Yours with respect,



[Redacted]
Chicago, Illinois [Redacted]



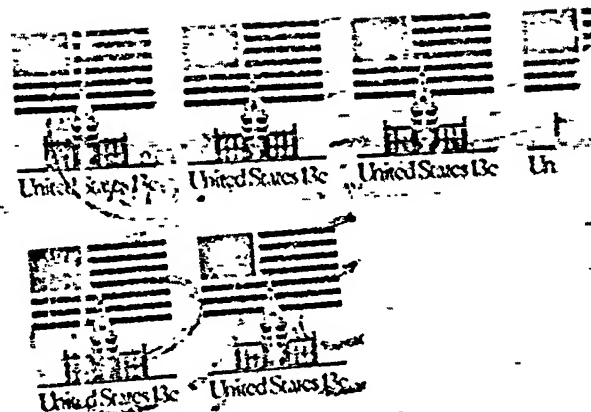
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SPECIAL DELIVERY



IMPORTANT

IMPORTANT



Mr. John Carson
IMPORTANT AND PERSONAL

400 St. Cloud Road
Bel Air, California 90206

RE
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[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois [redacted]

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Dear Sir:

There is something I forgot to state in the other note which I think is extremely important. When I have so many people trying to take me down, I shake every night with fear. Yes, I admit it, Mr. Carson. Any man who wouldn't admit is a dildoe in my opinion. I am scared to death, and I think this is the reason why I have been slow, confused, and wishing to escape myself. [redacted] doesn't care and [redacted] is mentally unstable. I know they feel the pressure in [redacted] and here I am in Chicago without a job and being run out of the city while being broke. I pray that you have a little understanding for me.

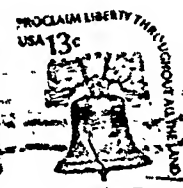
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AFTER FIVE DAYS

[Redacted]

Chicago, Illinois



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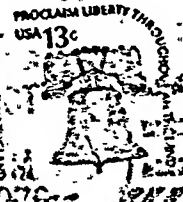
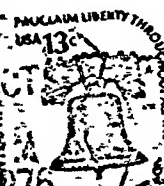
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IMPORTANT
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6652 Via Air Mail

Mr. John Carson
400 St. Cloud Road
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Bea's Liquor
Aldine and Broadway

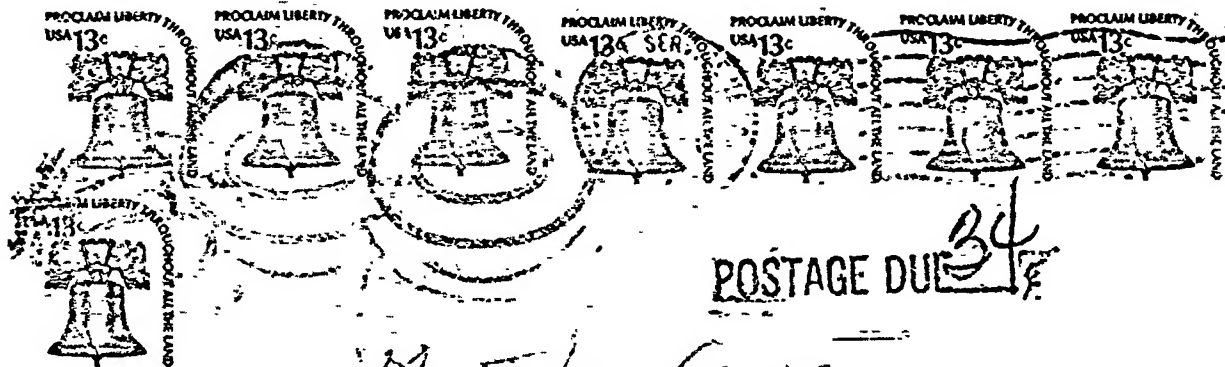
[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois
[redacted]

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Dear Sir:

If the interviewers don't appear in Chicago on Thursday or Friday, I am taking the AMTRAK to Los Angeles and personally ask you for your help. I can't find a job in Chicago; moreover, I have been asked to leave Chicago by Mayor Daley. I am not really asking for an acting job, only a job, even a custodian job would presently be adequate. I am almost broke and I don't afford to look for another job in a different city. If you would help me, I'll pay you back after I get on my feet again. I don't want to end up on Skid Row, Mr. Garrison. For [redacted] who have denied me are in jeopardy for their jobs. Your mother was good enough to talk to me.....I think I'm confused by these past months and I must leave this city. I apologize for all the letters. I am really embarrassed. I wish to close this last note with the fact that I have always tried to be sincere and honest.

Yours very truly,
[redacted]

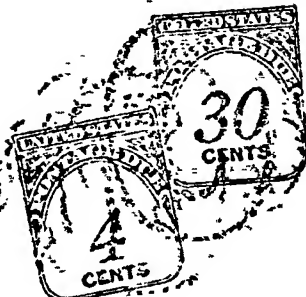


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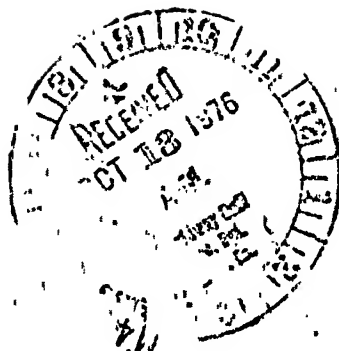
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Mr. John Carson
450 St. Cloud Road
Bel Air, California

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4:43 P.M.

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir,

Please accept my apologies. I
have been mistaken for the past
few months. When I talked to

I finally received the guidance I needed
 this I have ~~am~~ really been
 confused as to your intent. Please help
 me in a small way. For trying to work
 my fare to California and should
 be enough after the elections. There
 is a small bar on the corner of Aldine and
 Broadway and I'll be there on Friday
 between about 3:00 to 4:00. My
 life is at stake and I ask for that
 if you can make anyone question me.
 With sincerity,
 (OVERTURE)

And even though there have been
so many letters, I don't without your
help my life is ruined forever. Yes
and one opportunity is gone.



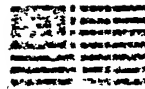
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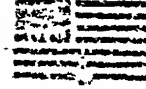
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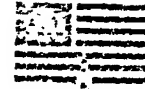
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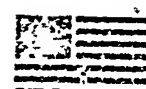
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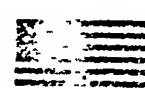
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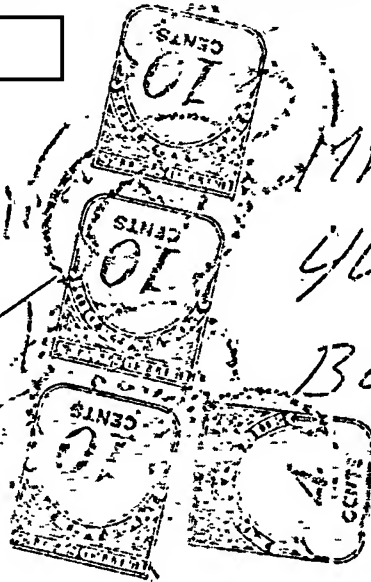
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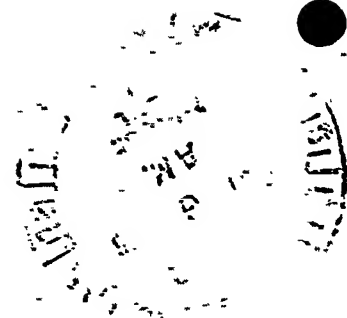
Mr. John Carson
400 St. Cloud Road
Bel Air, California

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Important



Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sirs

Even my gasoline station job is gone now. I didn't make it back in time on the bus. I desperately need any kind of a job. I am sincerely begging. I am finished in Chicago, I just can't go on like this. Please have some mercy, for you have no idea what Chicago is like now. Everything I had is now gone. I have ^(telephone) nothing left. I'll try to call you, for I am extremely apprehensive. I wouldn't have taken the bus if I had a car. Please help me, Mr. Carson. I don't want to be in this situation. With sincerity,

HOTEL CECIL

640 SOUTH MAIN STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90014



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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Mr. John Carson
400 St. Cloud Road
Bel Air, California
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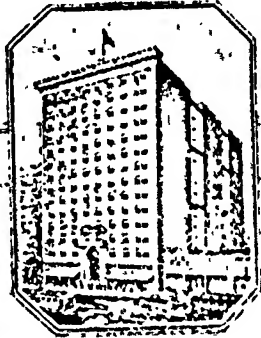
If not delivered in _____ days return to

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HOTEL CECIL

640 S. MAIN

LOS ANGELES
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[REDACTED]
Chicago, Illinois
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

I am fully aware of what happened at the Democratic National Convention this summer. With [REDACTED] help I'll remove the racial stigma though I remain even yet respected in Chicago's Black Community. And I am sure Jimmy Carter knows my background. I attended a [REDACTED] for the first eight years of my life. Christianity, it sincerely motivated, can unite many factions. If I volunteer for the Democratic

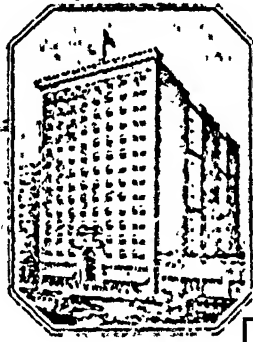
Party in Chicago, I am sure
the political pressure will be erased
from my life.

For these reasons I must
amend the rifts in my life. I
know the political pressure on you
is extremely heavy on my account.
I'll remove this debt in five
weeks, and then before Christmas,
I will introduce myself at
your doorstep. I see no reason
it I can "make up" for these
mistakes you should not "give me"
an opportunity for that "first chance."
Yes, I was clubbed at the
back of the head on July 11th.
Yes, you have extensively
damaged me in Chicago. No, as I
wrote you in that letter, I
will not file suit, though a
friend has made four tapes
of your show from his T.V.
on 4 nights this past summer.

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HOTEL CECIL

640 S. MAIN

LOS ANGELES
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Even [redacted] hollered as
I walked from ^{the} "Drury Lane Theater"
it you got any kind of a legal
team, you got Carson for a suitt
million. This is truly [redacted]

Yes, I was excessively drunk
that first night at the Playboy
Club to properly introduce myself.
Yes, I tried to cover for it with
a letter to [redacted]

I realize it is my duty
to "make up" for this mistake. Yet, I
know, with a stepping stone from you,
[redacted] will never again be
[redacted]

Yes, you influenced the University
of Chicago's decision about medical school.

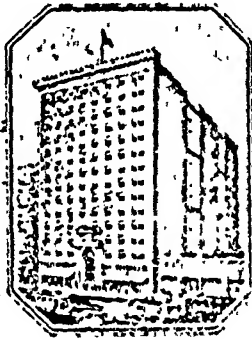
With a medical degree from that university, I would have been Daley's choice to succeed him. The beers the Machine bought me at the Playboy Club were many, indeed. Yes, I admit it, you have almost destroyed my life. Only Christian faith and confidence in myself prevent me from pulling the trigger. For the Playboy Club, what can I say about a [redacted] who filters the money down to the bartenders and Bunnies. But I think I can neutralize ~~that~~ or appease the Bunnies.

For these reasons I'll do my best again in a city that is cold and tight. I am absolutely sure I can take away that political pressure. For this reason I am taking the bus back to Chicago with hope and a goal. Southern California restored my confidence, and it compared to Chicago, is certainly a pleasant environment. And if you may ask why I didn't go to Jamaica, I simply didn't have the money. [redacted] didn't either.

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HOTEL CECIL

640 S. MAIN

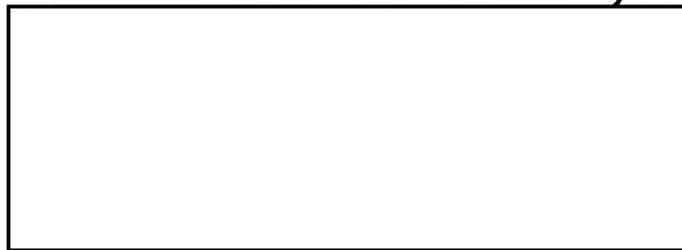
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And you know what happened to my summer job. Allow no room for people at NBC to feel I am an "inadequate fake." I am talented and I know it. I'll be back to introduce myself before Christmas with I know the ~~correct~~ political goal accomplished. For I must have a stepping stone from you before I can engage in any profession in the United States. I simply do not wish to use a false identity for the rest of my life in the America. It is for this reason I am leary of getting my book to a publisher. And when I introduced myself

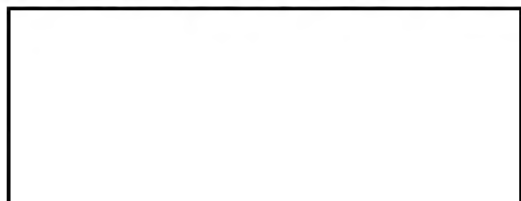
I knew ~~too~~ in my heart that I was going back to Chicago.

and take away that pressure.
I only pray and hope when I
look into your eyes that I
find a flicker of understanding
for a life that is nearly
shattered.

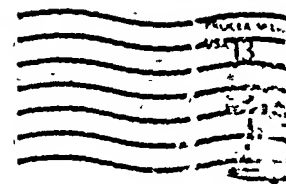
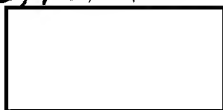
Sincerely,



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Chicago, Illinois



Johnny Carson
400 St. Cloud Road
~~Beverly Hills,~~
Los Angeles, Calif. California 900



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Chicago, Illinois



Dear Sir^o

I am bringing the
other doctor's report. I have
nothing left in my life.

I request L.A.P.D. security
at the bus station.

Continental, ~~on~~ Wednesday
night. One sharp blow to
my head and I am

finished. I've always
trusted you. Now I trust
you for my life.

Sincerely,



On February 22, 1977, contact with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [] revealed he would withhold a prosecutive opinion concerning possible Federal violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 876-Extortion, by [] in sending the letter to JOHNNY CARSON pending an interview of [] by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agents.

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A Law Enforcement Administrative Data Systems (LEADS) check on March 2, 1977, revealed [] Chicago, Illinois, date of birth [] [] has Illinois driver's license number [] which expires June 23, 1980. The description of [] set forth on the record included sex male, height 5'8", weight 160 pounds, hair brown, eyes brown. LEADS failed to reflect any vehicle registered to [] in the State of Illinois.

On March 2, 1977, contact with [] Branch, United States Post Office, [] Chicago, Illinois, revealed [] had changed his mailing address from [] Chicago, Illinois, to [] Nebraska, as of February 28, 1977.

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[redacted], Chicago, Illinois, voluntarily appeared at the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and was advised of the official identities of the interviewing Agents as well as the fact the Agents wanted to interview him concerning a possible federal violation of extortion. [redacted] was advised by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of his rights as set forth on an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form. After reading the form, [redacted] stated he understood his rights, and executed the waiver of rights form. [redacted] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] stated he has had a disagreement with the University of Nebraska where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. The disagreement had to do with the university not approving of [redacted] frequenting the Playboy Club in Chicago. He claimed the university sent security personnel to Chicago in an attempt to discourage him from going to the Playboy Club. As a result, [redacted] had threatened the university with a \$550,000 law suit.

[redacted] stated he believes JOHNNY CARSON, host of television's Tonight Show, has been contacted by the university and this has influenced CARSON in his decision not to give [redacted] a chance for an acting career. [redacted] stated he has written several letters to CARSON in an effort to obtain CARSON's help to launch a career in show business. These letters have been to no avail, even though [redacted] alleges CARSON has sent interviewers to Chicago for the purpose of evaluating [redacted] potential in show business. [redacted] recalled on one occasion one of the interviewers was allegedly disguised as a woman Salvation Army worker who contacted [redacted] in a liquor store located on the north side of Chicago. [redacted] alleged on one occasion, CARSON actually invited [redacted] to come to Hollywood, but [redacted] refused doubting CARSON's sincerity in extending the invitation. [redacted] stated he erred in not going to Hollywood at that time, and has been requesting another interview and another invitation from CARSON who

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now is being influenced by the University of Nebraska against [redacted]

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[redacted] stated on July 30, 1976, he went to CARSON's studio in California and spoke with [redacted] and others connected with the Tonight Show. During the first week of October, 1976, [redacted] went to CARSON's home located at 402 St. Cloud Road, Bel Aire, California, again requesting an acting opportunity. [redacted] recalled [redacted] became upset during the contact and threatened [redacted] with a revolver.

[redacted] stated CARSON has made fun of [redacted] on the Tonight Show, and recalled during the first week of October, 1976, CARSON referred to him on the air as "the little zip from [redacted]". [redacted] alleged CARSON continues to make fun of [redacted] on the air through dialog in the use of jesters, such as holding up five fingers which [redacted] believed refers to the amount of his threatened suit against the University of Nebraska.

[redacted] read a xerox copy of a letter dated January 19, 1976, signed by [redacted] which began "Dear Sir: I am forgetting about style, grammar, and punctuation,...". [redacted] stated he wrote the letter and added the handwritten portion on the last two pages of the letter. He stated the line reading "I think most men would have committed suicide or killed you" was intended as a threat to CARSON's life. He stated he wrote the threatening letter in Chicago, and mailed it to CARSON in California on or about January 19, 1977. [redacted] stated he wrote the letter out of frustration, since previous letters have failed in his effort to launch his acting career.

[redacted] stated he did not realize that the letter constituted a possible Federal violation and stated he had no intention of following through on the threat and would refrain from further letters. He stated he intended to look into the possibility of filing a civil suit against CARSON in connection with the comments made on the Tonight Show.

[redacted] stated he is supported by [redacted], Nebraska. He stated he went home for a week during the end of February, 1977, but is now back in Chicago again looking for work.

He stated he is not under psychiatric care at the present time but has recently had a psychiatric test and received a clean bill of health.

The following descriptive information was obtained during the interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Residence	[REDACTED]
	Chicago, Illinois
Telephone	[REDACTED]
	(disconnected)
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED] Nebraska
	[REDACTED]
Height	5'9"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	Student
Education	BA Degree
	University of Nebraska
	in History
Marital Status	Single
Arrests	None
Military Service	None
Automobile	None

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On March 16, 1977, a criminal record check conducted by Special Clerk [redacted] at the Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, failed to reflect any criminal record identifiable with [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. On March 25, 1977, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Identification Division, advised they were unable to identify any criminal record identifiable with [redacted]
[redacted]

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On March 29, 1977, this matter again was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] at which time he stated he wished to review the written results of investigation prior to rendering a firm prosecutive decision in this matter.

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On April 15, 1977, the Los Angeles Division advised of a letter sent by [redacted] dated March 27, 1977, and a mailgram dated April 15, 1977, which read as follows:

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"After I sent Mr. MC MAHON a mailgram I found that it is extremely important for me to leave the city on Monday night, April 18, 1977. I am taking United Airlines flight 117 from Chicago, to Los Angeles. Send an interviewer with security man. I am ten months late but I am still in one piece."

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[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was telephonically contacted at telephone number [redacted] and advised as follows:

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[redacted] advised he intended to take a 10:00 p.m. flight to Los Angeles, California, on the evening of April 18, 1977, for the purpose of conferring in person with his friend, JOHNNY CARSON. He stated he hoped the conference would resolve any problems or misunderstandings between the two of them.

[redacted] stated he would make himself available for an interview with Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents on the morning of April 18, 1977, at 11:30 a.m. to discuss his planned trip to California and to answer any other questions relative to his contacts with CARSON.

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[redacted]
[redacted] California, was telephonically contacted [redacted]
[redacted] at which time [redacted] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised he is in possession of a mailgram from [redacted] dated April 15, 1977, and a three page letter signed by [redacted] dated March 27, 1977, which were addressed and received by JOHNNY CARSON at CARSON's residence in Bel Air, California. [redacted] stated the mailgram dated April 15, 1977, sets forth the following:

"After I sent Mr. MC MAHON a mailgram I found that it is extremely important for me to leave the city on Monday night, April 18, 1977. I am taking United Airlines flight 117 from Chicago, to Los Angeles. Send an interviewer with security man. I am ten months late but I am still in one piece."

[redacted] advised the mailgram was signed by [redacted]
[redacted] advised [redacted] has no appointment to see JOHNNY CARSON and advised CARSON does not want to see [redacted]
He advised [redacted] has been at CARSON's residence in Bel Air, California, on at least two occasions, once threatening [redacted] and once where he actually conferred with CARSON.

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[] Security Officer, United Airlines, O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Illinois, telephone 686-3416, was telephonically contacted, furnishing the following information:

[] advised United Airlines has a flight reservation for [] on United Airlines flight 117, for April 18, 1977, at 10:00 p.m. [] advised the reservation is from Chicago, to Los Angeles, California, with no return flight noted.

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On April 18, 1977, contact with Assistant United States Attorney [] was made wherein information furnished by the Los Angeles Division to the Chicago Division on April 15, 1977, and the results of the [] interview on April 15, 1977, were discussed. Based upon investigation conducted thus far, [] authorized the filing of a complaint which was then filed before United States Magistrate, Northern District of Illinois, OLGA JURCO, on April 18, 1977, charging [] with violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 876-Extortion. On this same date, a Magistrate's warrant was issued by Magistrate JURCO.

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[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was apprised of the identities of the arresting Agents and the fact he was being arrested on the basis of a United States Magistrate's warrant issued in the Northern District of Illinois, charging him with violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 876-Extortion. [redacted] was advised verbally of his rights as set forth on an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form by SA [redacted] as follows:

"Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights. You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can be used against you in court. You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning. If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish. If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer."

[redacted] stated he understood his rights.

At the time of the arrest, there was observed by the arresting Agents, three duffel bag type suitcases, two plastic garment bags on the floor of the apartment, and three or four pair of shoes lined up in the efficiency apartment livingroom. [redacted] advised he was preparing and packing for a trip to Los Angeles, he was taking that evening at 10:00 p.m. He advised the purpose and only reason for the trip was to see and confer with JOHNNY CARSON.

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SA [redacted]

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[] advised he preferred not to make statements regarding any recent letters or correspondence possibly sent by [] through the United States mail to CARSON or anyone connected with CARSON in Los Angeles, California. [] stated he was employed until the weekend of April 10, 1977, but preferred not to furnish his previous employer's name and address. [] advised at the present time he is being supported by [] who resides in [] Nebraska.

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[] was taken to the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) where he was photographed and fingerprinted. [] was taken in an FBI automobile from the Chicago Office, FBI, to the Metropolitan Correctional Center, Chicago, Illinois. During the ride, [] advised Special Agents [] that when he wrote the phrase "...then it is time for our OK CORRAL" in his letter to JOHNNY CARSON dated January 19, 1976, he did not intend to kill JOHNNY CARSON, but intended to threaten to "slug" him.

[] was remanded to the custody of the Metropolitan Correctional Center, Chicago, Illinois.

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On April 19, 1977, [] appeared before United States Magistrate OLGA JURCO where bond was set at \$10,000.00 secured.

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During the hearing, [] advised his only relative in Chicago, was [] Chicago, Illinois. [] advised up to last week, he was employed by [] Magistrate JURCO, in the absence of an attorney representing [] scheduled an additional hearing for Friday, April 22, 1977, at 11:00 a.m.

On April 20, 1977, contact with the Metropolitan Correctional Center and the United States Marshal's Office, Chicago, was made in an effort by the Chicago Office to assure notification should [] be released after posting bond.

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[redacted] Playboy Club, 919 North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, telephone 751-8100, extension [redacted] was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised she has met [redacted] on one occasion in the Playboy Club, Chicago, Illinois. She stated she recalled an incident occurring on September 17, 1976, wherein [redacted] forcibly ejected [redacted] from the club for haraasing the "bunnies" and for being a general nuisance. [redacted] had escorted [redacted] out the door and as [redacted] turned to re-enter the club, he was accosted from behind by [redacted] saw the incident and rushed [redacted] knocking him off [redacted] and to the ground. [redacted] advised she did not see the incident but was advised of the details by [redacted] The following Sunday, September 19, 1976, in the morning, she and [redacted] were at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, when the doorbell [redacted] rang. [redacted] inquired as to who was at the door and the individual advised he was from the Chicago Police Department. [redacted] proceeded to the window to look out onto the street and saw the individual they knew as [redacted] [redacted] then called the Chicago Police Department, who responded to [redacted] advised they spoke to [redacted] for a short time, after which [redacted] departed the scene. [redacted] stated no complaint was filed with the Chicago Police Department concerning [redacted] in connection with this incident.

[redacted] furnished a Xerox copy of a Western Union mailgram dated September 20, 1976, addressed to the "Bunny Mother and Other Bunnies, Chicago Playboy Club, 919 North

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] GCT/KKd Date dictated 4/21/77

Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois", which set forth the following:

"[] would not confront me one-on-one Sunday afternoon to settle the issue like a man. He needs a bodyguards help for me. Everyone in Chicago knows he took a bribe and that he is really a fluzzy dildoe. Yours very truly, []"

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In addition, [] furnished four other letters and notes sent to the Playboy Club by [] also furnished two letters of [] a letter of [] a letter of [] three service group reports by the Playboy Club, a computer readout for [] membership card, and a letter written to [] by the Playboy Club.

On April 20, 1977, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [] was advised of the results of the interview with [] Playboy Club, Chicago, Illinois. [] advised he has been in contact with [] who has traveled to Chicago, from [] Nebraska, in connection with this matter. [] advised [] maintained a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale at the University of Nebraska where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. [] advised [] is an only child and that he has been supporting [] while [] has resided in Chicago, Illinois. [] advised [] has a [] who resides in Chicago. [] advised [] needs psychological help and advised he has no intention of posting bail for [] at this time.

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[REDACTED] JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM, EXTORTION,

OO: LOS ANGELES.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, JULY 19, 1977.

AUSA [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA IN

TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH AUSA [REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,

ON JULY 20, 1977, AT WHICH TIME IT WAS DETERMINED NEITHER

JURISDICTION WOULD SEEK FURTHER PROSECUTION OF SUBJECT

AND THAT SUBJECT COULD NOT BE HELD FOR VIOLATION OF HIS

PRETRIAL DIVERSION AGREEMENT.

AUSA'S [REDACTED] AGREED TO "RELEASE SUBJECT

TO THE CUSTODY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARRIVED LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, A.M.,

JULY 21, 1977, AT WHICH TIME SUBJECT RELEASED AND

WILL ACCOMPANY [REDACTED], NEBRASKA WHERE

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PSYCHIATRIC COMMITMENT OF SUBJECT WILL BE OBTAINED.

SUBJECT AGREEABLE TO THIS ARRANGEMENT IN LIEU OF
FEDERAL PROSECUTION.

NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT LOS
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[REDACTED] JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM; EXTORTION,

OO: CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] JUNE 24, 1977;
LOS ANGELES TELCALL TO CHICAGO, JULY 19, 1977; CHICAGO
TELCALL TO LOS ANGELES, JULY 19, 1977.

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FOR INFORMATION BUREAU AND CHICAGO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED FBI, LOS ANGELES,
THAT A WESTERN UNION MAILGRAM HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO JOHNNY
CARSON, MR. ED MC MAHON, [REDACTED], AND THE "TONIGHT
SHOW", NBC, 3000 WEST ALAMEDA AVENUE, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA,
FROM THE SUBJECT AT [REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE MAILGRAM WAS BEING HELD BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FURNISHED MAILGRAM, WHICH

READ AS FOLLOWS:

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"DEAR SIR: TOMORROW, TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1977, I SHALL BE IN THE PARK ACROSS FROM THE PASADENA AMTRAK STATION FROM 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM. PLEASE SEND AN INTERVIEWER. SINCE I AM NOT AN 'EXTORTIONIST', I HAVE A RESERVATION UNDER THE NAME [REDACTED] FOR THE TRAIN BACK EAST AT 8:00 PM. YOU KNOW I AM TAKING AN EXTREME GAMBLE BEING IN CALIFORNIA, YET, I AM HAVING AN EXTREME TIME SIMPLY GETTING INTO THE MILITARY FROM CHICAGO. I AM HUNGRY, TIRED, AND SCARED. I AM THROUGH PLAYING GAMES. I HAVE BEEN BLACKED FROM CHICAGO AND I SUPPOSE I HAVE BEEN THE TURKEY. YET, TRY TO CONVINCE A [REDACTED] YEAR OLD THAT HE CAN'T CONQUER THE WORLD. SIMPLY STARTING THERE AS A JANITOR WOULD BE THAT LAW DEGREE OR MEDICAL DEGREE. I WILL BE WEARING A GRAY SHIRT. BELIEVE ME THIS TIME I AM DESPERATE. I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE OF THIS. WITH DEEP RESPECT, SIGNED (IN TYPING) [REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS".

AMTRAK SECURITY CONTACTED ON JULY 19, 1977, AND ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HOLDS A RESERVATION FOR ONE SEAT ON AN AMTRAK TRAIN LEAVING PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, 8:00 PM EVENING OF JULY 19, 1977, DESTINATION BARSTOW. FURTHER, AMTRAK RECORDS

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REVEAL TICKET MORE LIKELY PURCHASED VIA THE TELEPHONE
FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON JULY 18, 1977, AT 9:42 AM.
TICKET SUBSEQUENTLY PICKED UP AT PASADENA AMTRAK STATION,
3:19 PM, JULY 18, 1977.

WESTERN UNION SECURITY OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CONTACTED
CONCERNING AFOREMENTIONED MAILGRAM AND STATED THAT BASED ON
NUMBERS AND LETTERS PRESENT ON TOP OF MAILGRAM, THAT SENDER,
[REDACTED] PHONED IN THE MAILGRAM FROM TELEPHONE NUMBER
213-339-9676, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AT 2:47 PM PST,
JULY 18, 1977.

REFERENCED CHICAGO REPORT INDICATES THAT PRE-TRIAL
DIVERSION APPROVED FOR [REDACTED] BASED ON PREVIOUS EXTORTION
ARREST AT CHICAGO ON JUNE 3, 1977, BY U.S. ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE CONCERNING VIOLATION TITLE 18, SECTION 876, U.S.
CODE, EXTORTION, AND THAT A PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION CONTRACT WAS
SIGNED BY [REDACTED] ON JUNE 7, 1977. A REVIEW OF THE PRE-TRIAL
DIVERSION CONTRACT WHICH WAS SIGNED BY [REDACTED] REFLECTED A
SPECIAL CONDITION THAT [REDACTED] WOULD NOT TRAVEL TO THE STATE OF

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CALIFORNIA AT ANY TIME DURING THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS.

ASSISTANT U. S. ATTORNEY (AUSA) [] CHICAGO, WAS CONTACTED BY CHICAGO FBI, AND AUSA STATED HE WAS CONCERNED OVER THE FACT THAT [] WAS POSSIBLY PRESENT IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA; HOWEVER, DEFERRED PROSECUTION TO USA'S OFFICE, LOS ANGELES.

AUSA, LOS ANGELES CONTACTED JULY 19, 1977, AND ADVISED OF THE ABOVE. IN ADDITION, WAS ADVISED OF [] PREVIOUS HISTORY OF SENDING THREATENING COMMUNICATIONS TO VICTIM CARSON. AUSA STATED HE DESIRED [] TO BE INTERVIEWED AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AND IF [] SEEMED UNSTABLE, HE WOULD AUTHORIZE PROSECUTION OF [] FOR VIOLATION TITLE 18, SECTION 876, U.S. CODE, FOR EXTORTION, IN THAT [] CAUSED TO BE MAILED A WESTERN UNION MAILGRAM TO THE VICTIM ON JULY 18, 1977, AND THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED MAILGRAM WOULD BE USED TO PROSECUTE [] IN CONJUNCTION WITH THREATENING COMMUNICATIONS PREVIOUSLY SENT TO THE VICTIM FROM [] AUSA RECOMMENDED \$50,000 CORPORATE SURETY BOND FOR [] IF [] TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. AUSA FURTHER STATED THAT IF []

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TAKEN INTO CUSTODY THAT HE WOULD REQUEST TO BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY IF [] IN VIOLATION OF HIS PROBATION (PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION AGREEMENT), IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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[] TAKEN INTO CUSTODY APPROXIMATELY 5:00 PM, JULY 19, 1977, IN THE PARK ACROSS FROM AMTRAK STATION, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. ARREST MADE WITHOUT INCIDENT BY BUREAU AGENTS. [] FIRST IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [] THEN ADMITTED HIS TRUE IDENTITY. [] ADMITTED SENDING AFOREMENTIONED MAILGRAM AND MADE OTHER ADMISSIONS CONCERNING PREVIOUS THREATENING COMMUNICATIONS TO VICTIM CARSON.

CHICAGO AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE LOS ANGELES DURING A.M., JULY 20, 1977, IF [] IN VIOLATION OF HIS PROBATION. FURTHER, FURNISH LOS ANGELES ANY KNOWN INFORMATION CONCERNING PREVIOUS THREATS BY [] TO VICTIM CARSON IN ORDER THEY BE INCORPORATED INTO AFFIDAVIT OF ARREST FOR [] BEING PREPARED AT LOS ANGELES.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TITLE OF CASE JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY jjm b6 b7c
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION (A)	

ma REFERENCES: Reports of SA [REDACTED] 4/22/77 and 6/24/77 at Chicago, Illinois.
Los Angeles phone calls to Chicago, 7/19/77.
Los Angeles teletypes to Director and Chicago, 7/19/77 and 7/21/77.

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Enclosed for Omaha is one copy each of referenced report and a copy of [REDACTED] Agreement for Pretrial Diversion.

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A copy of this report as well as copies of referenced reports are being furnished to Omaha since subject is returning to [redacted] Nebraska, and subject is likely to continue his letter writing to victim.

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JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM

Character:

EXTORTION

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] presently on an Agreement for Pretrial Diversion from Chicago, Illinois, dated 6/7/77, as a result of his letter writing activities to victim JOHNNY CARSON. One of the conditions of this agreement was that [REDACTED] not travel to California, for one year. [REDACTED] at Pasadena, California, on 7/18/77, sent mailgram to victim CARSON at Burbank, California. Mailgram contained no threats but [REDACTED] said he was desperate and asked to meet with a CARSON representative. CARSON interviewed. AUSA [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, on 7/19/77, authorized prosecution of [REDACTED] for violation Title 18, Section 876, USC, and recommended a \$50,000 corporate surety bond. [REDACTED] arrested at Pasadena, California, 7/19/77, and held on this authorization until 7/21/77. AUSA [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, and AUSA [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, on 7/20/77, agreed not to prosecute [REDACTED] if he was willing to be taken into the custody of [REDACTED] and commit himself to Psychiatric Hospital. [REDACTED] agreeable to this in lieu of Federal prosecution. [REDACTED] on 7/21/77, appeared at the office of AUSA [REDACTED], Los Angeles, California, and took custody of [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

Investigation initiated upon receipt of a phone call from [REDACTED] for JOHNNY CARSON, that Mr. CARSON had received a mailgram from [REDACTED]

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On July 19, 1977, [] for JOHNNY CARSON, telephonically advised that JOHNNY CARSON's [] located at NBC Studios, 3000 West Alameda, Burbank, California, had received a telegram from []

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[] was contacted and advised that she had received a Western Union Mailgram signed by [], with a Chicago address, and that the Mailgram was directed to JOHNNY CARSON, ED McMAHON, [] and The Tonight Show. Further, the Mailgram stated that [] would be present at Pasadena, California, on July 19, 1977, at the park across from the Pasadena Amtrak Station from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and requested that CARSON send an interviewer. Further, [] stated that to demonstrate that he was not an extortionist, he had a train reservation for the 8:00 p.m. train leaving the Pasadena Station under the name []

On July 19, 1977, [] Security, Amtrak, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Los Angeles, telephone number 683-6824, was contacted concerning the names [] and [] caused a search of Amtrak computer records to be made and the search reflected that a [] had reserved one space on the Amtrak train departing Pasadena at 8:00 p.m., July 19, 1977, final destination Barstow, California. [] stated that there was no record under the name [] on any incoming Amtrak trains for the period July 18-19, 1977.

On July 19, 1977, Supervisor [] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Chicago, Illinois, and case Agent [] were contacted concerning the Western Union Mailgram received at JOHNNY CARSON's office, Burbank. SA [] stated that [] was on a agreement for pretrial diversion which he signed. Further, in the conditions for pretrial diversion were special conditions, and one was namely that [] agreed not to travel to the State of California at any time during the next 12 months. The agreement was signed June 7, 1977.

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SA [] Chicago, advised that he would telephonically contact Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Chicago, concerning subject [] and would thereafter telephonically contact Los Angeles. Further, SA [] would attempt to locate the present whereabouts of subject [] and advise Los Angeles if [] remained in Chicago, Illinois.

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SA [] FBI, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically advised on July 19, 1977, that he had been in contact with AUSA [] Chicago, concerning captioned matter and the fact that [] was possibly in Pasadena, California. SA [] stated that AUSA [] Chicago, advised that he was concerned about [] presence in Pasadena; however, would not authorize an extortion warrant nor a probation violation warrant concerning [] AUSA [] further advised that he suggested facts in this case be brought to the attention of the United States Attorney's (USA) Office, Los Angeles.

On July 19, 1977, [] Security, Amtrak, National Passenger Railroad Corporation, Los Angeles, telephonically advised that Amtrak records concerning [] reservation on the 8:00 p.m. Amtrak train departing Pasadena on July 19, 1977, reflect that [] telephonically ordered the ticket from what is believed to be the Chicago, Illinois, area at 9:42 a.m., July 18, 1977, and that the ticket was picked up at the Pasadena Amtrak Station at 3:19 p.m., July 18, 1977.

On July 19, 1977, [] Security, Western Union, Los Angeles, was contacted concerning Mailgram addressed to Mr. JOHNNY CARSON, et cetera, from [] Chicago, Illinois. [] stated that based on the numbers and letters present at the top of the Mailgram, that the sender, [] phoned in the Mailgram from telephone number 213-339-9676, located in Pasadena, California, at 2:47 p.m. PST, July 18, 1977.

On July 19, 1977, AUSA [] Los Angeles, was contacted concerning the facts in this matter, and that

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the USA, Chicago, had deferred prosecution to the Central District of California. AUSA [] stated that based on the Western Union telegram from [] to victim CARSON and based on [] previous threatening communications addressed to CARSON, that he desired [] to be located and interviewed and that during interview if [] appeared unstable, that he would authorize prosecution of [] for violation of Title 18, Section 876, United States Code. AUSA [] advised that if [] taken into custody, he would recommend \$50,000.00 corporate surety bond. AUSA [] requested that if [] taken into custody, that he be informed immediately whether [] in violation of his probation (pretrial diversion agreement) in Chicago.

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[redacted] to Mr. JOHNNY
CARSON, NBC Studios, 3000 West Alameda, furnished the
original of the attached copy of Western Union Mailgram
from [redacted] to CARSON, dated July 18, 1977.

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MR JOHNNY CARSON, MR ED MCMAHON, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TONIGHT SHOW NBC

3000 WEST ALAMEDA AVE
BURBANK CA 91505

DEAR SIR:

TOMORROW, TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1977, I SHALL BE IN THE PARK ACROSS FROM THE PASADENA AMTRAK STATION FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM. PLEASE SEND AN INTERVIEWER. SINCE I AM NOT AN "EXTORTIONIST", I HAVE A RESERVATION UNDER THE NAME [REDACTED] FOR THE TRAIN BACK EAST AT 8 PM. YOU KNOW I AM TAKING AN EXTREME GAMBLE BEING IN CALIFORNIA, YET, I AM HAVING AN EXTREME TIME SIMPLY GETTING INTO THE MILITARY FROM CHICAGO. I AM HUNGRY, TIRED, AND SCARED. I AM THROUGH PLAYING GAMES. I'VE BEEN BLACKED FROM CHICAGO AND I SUPPOSE I HAVE BEEN THE TURKEY, YET, TRY TO CONVINCE A [REDACTED] YEAR OLD THAT HE CAN'T CONQUER THE WORLD. SIMPLY STARTING THERE AS A JANITOR WOULD BE THAT LAW DEGREE OR MEDICAL DEGREE. I'LL BE WEARING A GRAY SHIRT. BELIEVE ME, THIS TIME I AM DESPERATE. I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE OF THIS. WITH TRUE DEEP RESPECT,

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On July 19, 1977, at the Central Park, in the 200th block of South Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, California, Special Agent (SA) [] approached a young man and asked him if his name was []. This individual stated his name was not [] but he was using this name. He stated, "My name is []"

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Agent [] then told [] that he was a representative of Mr. JOHNNY CARSON and would like to speak to him regarding a letter he recently sent to Mr. CARSON at Burbank, California. [] stated, "No you are not. You are the FBI."

[] was then advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and SA [] placed [] under arrest.

[] was advised that he had the right to remain silent and that any statements he might make could possibly be used against him in court. He was further told that he had the right to consult an attorney for advice before an interview, have an attorney present with him during any interview and could terminate the interview at any time he wished. He was also told that if he could not afford an attorney the Federal Government would appoint one for him. [] indicated he was willing to speak to the agent regarding his presence at Pasadena, California, since he, [] wanted to return to Chicago, Illinois, on the 8:00 train July 20, 1977.

[] advised on July 18, 1977, he arrived at Pasadena, California, by train from Chicago, Illinois, and from a phone booth at the Amtrak Station in Pasadena he sent a mail-gram addressed to Mr. JOHNNY CARSON at the Tonight Show in Burbank, California.

[] stated this letter contained no threats. He said the reason he came to California was to prove to Mr. CARSON and the authorities that he was not an extortionist.

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[] was asked how he felt about Mr. CARSON and if he intended to harm Mr. CARSON. [] stated he did not wish Mr. CARSON any harm and he only wanted to contact Mr. CARSON since he felt Mr. CARSON was still interested in him, in his efforts to start an acting career.

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[] advised he understood that he was on a pretrial diversion program from Chicago, Illinois, and one of the conditions of this agreement was that he was not to travel to California. [] said he knew that he should not come to California but had to do so in order to prove that he was not an extortionist and determine if Mr. CARSON was still interested in him in his efforts to launch an acting career.

[] advised he presently resides at [] Chicago, Illinois, and he wanted to return to Chicago on the 8:00 train this date. [] indicated he was presently unemployed.

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Mr. JOHNNY CARSON, 400 St. Cloud Road, furnished the original of the attached letter postmarked July 10, 1977, and signed [] Mr. CARSON, in reference to [] furnished the following information.

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CARSON is very concerned over the harassment from [] in person, by letter, and Mailgram. [] persistence, disregard of a court order forbidding travel to California, as well as his mental instability, leave the impression that [] may represent a danger and possible threat to Mr. CARSON or his family.

Mr. CARSON, upon being advised of the receipt and contents of a Western Union Mailgram dated July 18, 1977, from [] immediately felt concern for the safety of his family at home. That was his first thought, inasmuch as [] has actually been to CARSON's residence on at least two occasions. On one such occasion CARSON confronted [] with a specific demand to know why [] was there and what he wanted, only to be answered by vagueness, silence, and [] lack of any ability to articulate a specific demand. [] is a "flake" who needs psychiatric treatment. [] obvious mental state, his use of such words as "revenge," "desperation" and "shoot-out at OK Corral," indicate that [] is emotionally unstable. Mr. CARSON feels that such a person could "flip out any time" and use a gun or other weapon to harm someone.

NBC maintains guards at the studios, but with the presence of so many people on tours and with open offices inside the building, it is possible for a person to enter the various office spaces.

Mr. CARSON stated that he intends to request that the studio arrange for a uniformed guard to patrol his residential grounds during the daytime. He is particularly desirous of having a guard at his residence for the protection of his family when CARSON is not at home.

[] complete disregard of a court order not to travel to California, his resources to accomplish such travel, as well as the obvious lack of a logical mind, lend further

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credence to the possibility of [] being dangerous. A logical person would have anticipated that Mr. CARSON would notify the FBI of [] travel to California, especially in view of [] previous arrest on a similar charge in Chicago. The fact that [] did not arrive at such a logical conclusion regarding the results of his travel and communications to CARSON reflect [] convoluted thinking and disregard of the consequences of his actions.

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Dear Sirs:

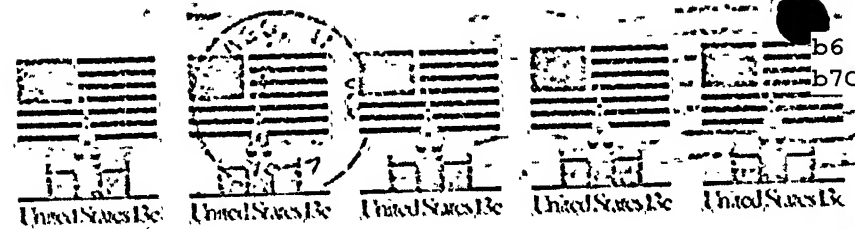
Since I deem a final personal appeal necessary before I suffer again in a military camp with the end of July, 1977, I avidly await my introduction to your interviewer in the night's darkness near Buckingham Fountain, 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., on Thursday, July 14th, 1977. Neither camera nor witness will be present. My ears during those anxious hours will long for that subtle hint.

I have nothing more to relate except what happened last summer, July, 1976, on the Tonight Show, was, no doubt, too much. The disparaging gestures and denigrating remarks added fuel to my already volatile, competitive character. My sense of values and ethics became clouded behind a shield of revenge. Those bitter pangs are gone. Only a deep regret lingers for those who were embarrassed there and those who were hurt here.


Certainly, there are no written words which can express how much I desire an immediate comeback with an acting career. My circumstances in this city are horrible. Yet, though I inwardly realize that I am one of the world's "best"—there are few who possess more ingrained toughness--and that 3½ years in the service are extraordinarily valuable years at the age of I stoically accept your decision if negative to my wishes. When I stand near this hopeful symbol awaiting one last desperate chance, I hope an inner peace envelopes us again with our prevailing years.

Sincerely,

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NBC
3000 WEST ALAMEDA AVENUE
BURBANK, CALIFORNIA 91505

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Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted]
[redacted] Los Angeles, California, on July 20, 1977, advised
he had been in telephonic contact with AUSA [redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, at which time the prosecution of [redacted]
[redacted] was discussed. [redacted] stated since [redacted]
[redacted] was then on a pretrial diversion agreement from Chicago,
Illinois, he felt that the matter should be adjudicated in
that district.

[redacted] said apparently the pretrial diversion
agreement has no provisions for revocation and apparently the
only way to prosecute this matter is to prosecute on the
original charges on which the pretrial diversion agreement
was based. [redacted] advised AUSA [redacted] at Chicago, is
not willing to prosecute [redacted] on the original charges.

[redacted] advised he would continue his oral
authority to file a complaint against [redacted]
until some type of agreement can be made to have [redacted] admitted
to some type of mental institution. [redacted] said he and
[redacted] are both of the opinion that [redacted] should be
released to [redacted] and psychiatric help sought.

[redacted] on July 20, 1977, advised he had just
telephonically spoken to [redacted] Nebraska,
[redacted] at which time it was agreed
that [redacted] would be in Los Angeles, California, on the
morning of July 21, 1977, at which time he would take custody
of [redacted]

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[redacted] to Mr. JOHNNY CARSON, NBC Studios, 3000 West Alameda, telephonically furnished the following information.

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[redacted] attempted to reach [redacted] by telephone on July 20, 1977. The office mail desk, in the absence of [redacted] received a call at 11:00 a.m. on July 20, 1977, from [redacted] who asked to speak with Mr. CARSON's [redacted]. The call was taken by [redacted] at the mail desk. [redacted] subsequently relayed the message by telephone to [redacted].

The message was to the effect that [redacted] called, stating that he was in jail at the Federal Building for extortion. [redacted] requested that the Tonight Show pay his high bond. There were no further details.

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by SA [redacted]:fet

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[redacted] on July 21, 1977, appeared at the office of Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

AUSA [redacted] told [redacted] that he and AUSA [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, were of the opinion that in the interest of justice they would not seek prosecution of [redacted] if he [redacted] took custody of [redacted] and obtained psychiatric help for [redacted]

[redacted] said because of [redacted] mental problems he did not feel that [redacted] belonged within the Federal Criminal Justice System.

[redacted] as well as [redacted] [redacted] stated they were both agreeable to the above in lieu of Federal prosecution.

[redacted] said he and [redacted] would both immediately return to [redacted] Nebraska, where mental help would be obtained for [redacted]

[redacted] stated in view of the above no Federal prosecution would be sought in this district for [redacted]

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 6/24/77	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/22/77 - 6/14/77
TITLE OF CASE JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY KKd b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION P 7/21/77	

REFERENCE: Chicago report of SA dated 4/22/77.

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy R-84, Disposition Report for and one copy FD-165, FBI Field Office Flash Notice for

Enclosed for Los Angeles is one copy of the Pre-Trial Diversion Agreement signed by on June 7, 1977.

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Copy of Pre Trial Diversion Agreement being set forth for Los Angeles since it is felt by the Chicago Office that may be

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inclined to travel to Los Angeles in hopes of contacting JOHNNY CARSON prior to the expiration of the Pre Trial Diversion Contract. Any information regarding appearance in Los Angeles, should immediately be brought to the attention of Chicago.

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It is noted appropriate "ticklers" have been set in Chicago, in accordance with Bureau instructions, to re-open this case to determine final disposition.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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ATTORNEY [REDACTED])Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: CHICAGO
Date: JUNE 24, 1977

Field Office File #: 9-6831 Bureau File #: 9-62641

Title: [REDACTED]
JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: Interview of Playboy Club personnel, Chicago, reveals
no additional information regarding threats by [REDACTED]
Psychological examination reveals [REDACTED] able to stand
trial. PTD approved for [REDACTED] on 6/3/77, by US Attor-
ney's Office re violation Title 18, Section 876 -
Extortion. Pre Trial Diversion Contract signed by
[REDACTED] 6/7/77, expiring 6/8/78.

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On April 22, 1977, United States District Judge,
Northern District of Illinois, HUBERT L. WILL, granted a
motion by the Government under Title 18, United States Code,
Section 4244, for a psychological examination of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

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[redacted] Playboy Club, 919
North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, phone 751-8100,
Extension [redacted] furnished the following information
concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he first met [redacted] in
the Spring of 1976 and last saw him September, 1976.
[redacted] stated that [redacted] never threatened him nor did
he talk about any threats he was going to carry out
against the television personality, JOHNNY CARSON.
[redacted] advised that [redacted] would come into the bar at
the Playboy Club approximately once every week, or
sometimes just three times a month. [redacted] described
him as a "loner" and at one time [redacted] wrote a message
on a napkin asking [redacted] if he would be a character
witness against people from Nebraska who were trying
to defame his character. [redacted] advised that he does
not have this napkin which [redacted] wrote this message on.

[redacted] advised that he never saw anyone in
the Playboy Club bar bothering [redacted] or harrassing him
in any way.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had told him he was
a transfer student from Nebraska, and he was studying
medicine in Chicago. [redacted] advised that [redacted] would
occasionally tell him that individuals from Nebraska
were following him, and on one occasion, [redacted]
First Name Unknown (FNU) [redacted] came into the Playboy Club
bar with [redacted] and told [redacted] that people had been har-
rassing [redacted] stated that he told [redacted]
that he never noticed anyone in the Playboy Club bar
harrassing [redacted]

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[] advised that when [] came into the bar he would either order a daiquiri or a beer, and after sitting at the bar for a while, he would depart and sit at a table in the bar area. [] advised that [] did not say where he was attending school in Chicago.

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[] advised that he resides at []
[] Chicago, and has a home phone
number of []

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Date of transcription 5/16/77

JOHNNY CARSON, 400 St. Cloud Road, Bel Air, California, was contacted at his residence and thereafter voluntarily furnished the following information:

CARSON advised that during the past year to 18 months, he has received several letters from an individual identifying himself in these letters as [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. CARSON stated that during the period he has received these letters, an individual identifying himself as [redacted] has come to his home in Bel Air on at least two occasions. CARSON advised that he can recall two occasions where he personally talked with this individual who introduced himself to CARSON as [redacted]. CARSON advised that his conversations with this individual were nonsensical and almost identical to the letters he had received from [redacted]. CARSON stated that when he would ask [redacted] what he wanted, the reply would be, "You know what I want." CARSON was never able to get any significant information from this individual as to what exactly he expected CARSON to do for him, except some of the letters indicated that he expected CARSON to help him in some way in an acting career.

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CARSON advised that during his conversations with [redacted] he recalled that [redacted] would also make statements that, "The Playboy bunnies in Chicago, Illinois, know what it's all about."

CARSON advised he believes the last occasion in which [redacted] came to his home was approximately six months ago. CARSON described [redacted] as a young white male, in his early [redacted], well dressed in casual clothes. CARSON stated that the conversations he had with [redacted] lasted approximately five minutes, after which he would ask him to leave, and [redacted] did so on both occasions voluntarily, stating as he left, "I'll be back again."

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by SA's [redacted] JR. and [redacted]
[redacted] /RAM/aml Date dictated 5/16/77

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CARSON advised that he believes [] may have come to his home on other occasions, but never got passed the front gates. CARSON stated that on the two occasions that [] did come to his home, [] did not threaten him in any way. CARSON advised that he did not believe anyone else living at his home had personally seen [] except perhaps []

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[] CARSON advised that he was certain after talking with his household staff that no one else had personally seen []

CARSON advised that approximately three weeks ago his mother, RUTH CARSON, 108 Pershing Road, Columbus, Nebraska, telephonically advised him that [] had been to her home in Columbus approximately 5 or 6 months ago. CARSON stated that his mother had called him after reading the account of [] arrest in Chicago. CARSON stated his mother advised him that she had recognized his personal description in the article and the man had called to tell him that [] had been to her home as well. CARSON stated that his mother was not threatened by this individual when he visited her.

CARSON advised he was a graduate of the University of Nebraska, and he felt that this could possibly be the reason for [] contacting him because of their both being from Nebraska.

CARSON advised he was born October 23, 1925. He further stated he lives at 400 St. Cloud Road, Bel Air, California, with []

CARSON advised he did not believe that anyone else on the "Tonight Show" had received letters from [] other than possibly his producer, FRED DE CORDOVA. CARSON stated that if DE CORDOVA had received a letter from [] it was probably over a year ago.

CARSON stated on both occasions when [] came to his home, [] left voluntarily and that neither the Bel Air Security Patrol nor the Beverly Hills Police Department were contacted to have him removed. CARSON advised that he had never contacted the Los Angeles Police Department as well regarding []

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CARSON was shown a photographic spread consisting of a photograph of [redacted] and five other individuals. CARSON was unable to identify [redacted] from this photograph display.

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[redacted] for
[redacted] was contacted at 400 St. Cloud Road,
Bel Air, California. [redacted] advised she has been the
[redacted] for approximately 1 1/2 years
and that she currently resides at [redacted]
[redacted] California, [redacted]
advised that her home telephone number is [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that on one occasion she observed
an individual identified to her by JOHNNY CARSON as [redacted]
[redacted] stated that this was after this individual had come
to CARSON's residence in Bel Air and talked previously
with CARSON. [redacted] was shown a photographic spread
consisting of a photograph of [redacted] and five
other individuals, and she was unable to identify [redacted]

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SA's [redacted]
by [redacted] /RAM/aml Date dictated 5/16/77

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Date of transcription 5/3/77

[redacted] Playboy Bunny, Playboy Club, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone 751-8100 was interviewed furnishing the following information:

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[redacted] advised [redacted] frequented the club during the fall, 1976. [redacted] always seemed to sit at a table in the area covered by [redacted] and conferred with her often. JOHNNY CARSON, according to [redacted], had slandered [redacted] on television and [redacted] requested [redacted] to be his character witness in a legal action he was taking against CARSON. On one occasion, [redacted] surprised [redacted] by telling her he knew where she lived and then naming her boyfriend. He also knew when she began her employment at the club. At this time she became upset since it was apparent [redacted] was, for some unknown reason, intruding into her personal life.

Eventually, [redacted] became a nuisance in the club when he bothered [redacted] and other employees. In September, 1976, [redacted] was in the club when [redacted] approached him and requested that he leave. At this time [redacted] was ready to forcefully eject [redacted] from the club should he refuse. [redacted] got up from the table and approached [redacted] telling her he knew she was responsible for him being thrown out of the club. Later that same day or possibly the next day, as she left the club to go home, she noticed [redacted] was waiting for her outside the club on Walton Street. She stated she immediately jumped into a cab before he could approach her.

[redacted] stated she never heard [redacted] make any threats against CARSON nor did he ever speak of any threats already made. He did speak of a legal suit against CARSON for slander. [redacted] advised [redacted] never threatened her, but she feared he may have had intentions of doing something to her just after he was ejected from the club by [redacted].

[redacted] advised she resides at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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On June 14, 1977, contact with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [] revealed the psychological examination of [] determined [] was able to stand trial in this matter. [] advised a pre trial diversion agreement contract was approved by the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, on June 3, 1977, and executed by [] on June 3, 1977, in connection with violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 876 - Extortion. [] advised the pre trial diversion agreement contract expires June 8, 1978.

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TITLE OF CASE JOHNNY CARSON-VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY jjp
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION (A)	

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REFERENCE: Los Angeles report of SA 8/3/77.
Los Angeles airtels to Chicago dated 8/15/77 and 9/1/77.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 11-7-77

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 9-6831

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Title: [REDACTED]
JOHNNY CARSON-VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION (A)

Synopsis: Telegram sent by [REDACTED] to victims ED MC MAHON, and [REDACTED] on 8/4/77 while [REDACTED] was a patient in the Psychiatric Ward of [REDACTED] Nebraska, requested "Interviewer" and indicated [REDACTED] may try an unauthorized departure from that institution. AUSA contacted in Chicago and advised of 8/4/77 telegram. AUSA advised Pre-trial diversion agreement to remain in effect. Additional telegrams sent to the Tonight Show on 8/7/77, 8/10/77, and 8/14/77, by [REDACTED] again requesting an "interviewer". Telegram 8/14/77, stated [REDACTED] ran and was caught. AUSA again contacted on 9/9/77, and stated the Pretrial Diversion Agreement would stay in effect. Letter from the Probation Office, Omaha, Nebraska reveals [REDACTED] probation matter has now been assigned to that office. The letter stated on 9/1/77, a final hearing by the Mental Health Board of Dodge County, Fremont, Nebraska, found [REDACTED] to be a mentally ill dangerous person and he was ordered confined to the [REDACTED] Nebraska. The Board set the matter for a rehearing in six months.

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DETAILS:

On August 4, 1977, [REDACTED] to JOHNNY CARSON, National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Studio, Burbank, California, made available to the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) a copy of a telegram sent by [REDACTED] on August 4, 1977, as follows:

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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2-025763E226 08/14/77 ICS IPMRNCZ CSP LSAB
[REDACTED] MGM TORN [REDACTED] NE 159 08-14 0614P EST

"TONIGHT SHOW"
TONIGHT SHOW
NBC
3000 WEST ALAMEDA AVE.
BURBANK CA 91523

DEAR SIRSI:
I RAN AND I WAS CAUGHT FRIDAY NIGHT. NOW, FORMAL COMMITMENT
PROCEEDINGS ARE BEING INITIATED. PERHAPS, THIS IS WHAT I WANTED THOUGH
I AM BEING "BLACKED" INTO DEPRESSION. NO DOUBT, THIS EVENT HAS STIRRED
ME UP. WHAT CAN I SAY EXCEPT I DESERVE TO BE WHIPPED BY YOU. I SUPPOSE
I CAN TRY TO ESCAPE AGAIN INTO AN IOWA RECRUITING STATION. I HAVE
LEARNED MY LESSON, AND I AM NOT GOING TO WRITE OR MAILGRAM AGAIN. I AM
SORRY FOR US ALL, THOUGH I ASSURE YOU, I AM NOT A DEVIANT HOMOSEXUAL.
THOUGH I AM GUILTY OF INSINCERITY, I, NEVERTHELESS, DESERVE A MOTLEY
HABERDASHERY FOR GABLES PLASTIC LINE IN GONE WITH THE WIND, A RED BELL
FOR "THE HALLS OF MONTEZUMA TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI", OR A BLUEBELL
FOR AN EVENTUAL MESSIAH SINGING "HAIL TO THE VICTORS". I AM NOT
FRIGHTENED. MY LEG IS NOT SHAKING. TRUST ME.

YOURS WITH A PLETHORA OF RESPECT,

[REDACTED]
18:15 EST

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On September 2, 1977, this matter, including the last telegram on August 4, 1977, from [] was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) []. [] advised the Pre-Trial Diversion agreement executed in June, 1977, would continue in effect. [] stated he wished to be immediately advised of any unauthorized departures by [] from the hospital in [] Nebraska.

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On September 5, 1977, the Chicago Office FBI was advised by the Los Angeles Office that [] had furnished, on August 22, 1977, three mailgrams sent by [] to CARSON on August 7, 1977, August 10, 1977, and August 14, 1977, as follows:

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2-015387E219 08/07/77 ICS IPMBNGZ CSP LSAB
[REDACTED] MGM TDBN [REDACTED] NE 108 08-07 0217P EST

"TONIGHT SHOW"
TONIGHT SHOW CARE NBC
3000 WEST ALAMEDA AVE
BURBANK CA 91505

GENTLEMEN:

IT IS FINISHED. PERHAPS, [REDACTED] CAN SIZE ME UP FROM [REDACTED] "THEY
ARE ERRING MEN WHOSE SUFFERING HAS MADE BLIND TO RIGHT AND WRONG."
WOULD IT NOT HAVE BEEN EASIER, JOHN, FOR YOUR INTERVIEWER TO BELLOW
SIMPLY, "HEY, KID, WE HEAR YOU'RE GOOD, WANT TO FIND OUT HOW GOOD?" I'D
HAVE LOVED TO TAKE THAT, NOW, I'M ON MY WAY TO TAKING TWO BOOT CAMPS
OCS, AND A BOOK WITHIN THE NEXT TEN MONTHS. AFTER THAT I DESERVE
IMMEDIATELY THE "GREAT ESCAPE", NOT THE "PARALLAX VIEW",

WITH A PLETHORA OF NEBRASKA JOKES,

[REDACTED]
14117 EST

MGMCOMP MGM

John

western union Mailgram



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2-052719E222 08/10/77 ICS 1PHONGZ CSP LSAB
[REDACTED] HGM TDBN [REDACTED] NE 217 08-10 0441P EST

TONIGHT SHOW
TONIGHT SHOW NBC 3000 WEST ALAMEDA AVE
BURBANK CA 91523

DEAR SIR
I CAN SURELY ASCERTAIN THAT COMPETITIVENESS HAS ITS LIMITATION WHEN
THE SKY AT SUNSET STREAMS RED LIKE AN OPEN VAIN, [REDACTED]
REFLECTS "THAT MEN ACT BADLY AT TIMES WITHOUT BEING MUCH WORSE THAN
OTHERS". IF I JUMP INTO THE MILITARY WITHOUT FIRST SEEKING A JUST AND
ETHICAL SETTLEMENT WITH YOUR DISCRETION THIS FRIDAY NEAR THE GIFT SHOP,
THEN I DESERVE TO BE BLACKED AWAY TO A "PATUSAN". I HAVE BEEN GRANTED
A PLETHORA OF OPPORTUNITIES FROM YOU; NOW, I ASK FOR A SOLUTION WHILE
CONDESENDING MY PRIDE AND GUILT WITH A SIMPLE INTRODUCTION TO YOUR
INTERVIEWER. AFTER THAT I DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO OR WHERE TO GO, ACCEPT
TO ESCAPE AN INDIRECT COMMITAL AND, HOPEFULLY, WORK THERE. HELP ME
THIS LAST TIME. I AM TOO OLD FOR AN ENLISTMENT, TOO PHYSICALLY AND
MENTALLY FATIGUED, AND MY COLLEGE DIPLOMA DENIGRATED UPON REFERENCE.
HEMINGWAY USED A QUOTE FROM JOHN DONNE AS A THEME FOR HIS CLASSIC NOVEL
FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS. "NO MAN IS AN ISLAND...FOR WHOM THE BELL
TOLLS, IT TOLLS FOR THEE." AFTER REALISING HOW PATHETIC I AM AFTER
THESE TRYING MONTHS, NOW DEPRESSION HAS ALSO ENVELOPED MY MIND, I SAY
MUCHO GRACIAS AND HOPE THE BELL IT TOLLS FOR ME,
WITH A FINAL AMEN
[REDACTED]

16:42 EST

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ICS IPMBNGZ CSP

[REDACTED] NL TDBN [REDACTED] NE 262 08-04 0100A EST

PMS MR JOHNNY CARSON, MR ED MCMAHON, AND [REDACTED]

292 NBC 3000 WEST ALAMEDA

BURBANK CA 91505

DEAR SIRS:

WHILE SPENDING MY LAST FEW DOLLARS, FOR THIS TELEGRAM. I AM SCARED.

[REDACTED] IN ORDER TO KEEP HIS JOB AND ME OUT OF A FEDERAL PRISON HAD TO SIGN A CUSTODY WARRANT IN [REDACTED] WAS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE OF NEBRASKA. I AM NOW IN THE PHYCIATRIC WARD AT [REDACTED] THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRESKA. PSYCHIATRIST HAS PRONOUNCE ME INSANE WITH PARANOIC ILLUSIONS, WHILE THE NURSES DAILY REMIND ME WITH SUTILE JESTURES OF YOUR SHOW. I AM GUILTY OF A PLETHORA OF INSINCERE AND DISRESPECTFUL LETTERS. AND I

ADMIT THIS WHOLE YEAR HAS BEEN MY FAULT. BUT I AM NOT A HOMOSEXUAL
DEVIANT WHO NEEDS MONTHS OF MEDICATION. THE TRUTH HAS NO MEANING
HERE. EVEN A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND WHO IS A MEDICAL STUDENT IN
NEBRASKA TOLD ME TO GO OVER THE WALL. I MUST RUN FOR MY LIFE, IF YOU
CAN'T GET ME OUT OF THIS IN ANY WAY BY SATURDAY NIGHT. I ONLY GO TO
THE GIFT SHOP WITH A STAFF MEMBER. I WILL LOOK FOR AN INTERVIEWER
AND LITERALLY TAKE THAT BIG HINT WITH MY INTRODUCTION. MY LIFE IS
RUDE. GET ME OUT OF THIS THEN YOU CAN SHOOT ME. I'VE BEEN BAD BUT I
AM NOT GOING TO HAVE MY LIFE IN THIS WAY WITHOUT A FIGHT. EVEN THE
MILITARY WOULD BE AN HONOR FOR ME NOW. YOU REALISE MY HONOR AND
INTEGRITY AS A MAN IS WORTH THIS TELEGRAM. POSSIBLY MY ENTIRE LIFE.
I'M PRAYING. TRULY YOURS,

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On September 9, 1977, the additional telegrams were discussed with AUSA [] at which time he stated the Pre-Trial diversion agreement executed with [] in June, 1977, would continue in effect.

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On October 7, 1977, a letter dated October 4, 1977, from the United States Attorney's (USA) Office, Chicago, Illinois, enclosed a letter dated September 15, 1977, from the United States District Court, District of Nebraska Probation Office, [] United States Probation Officer. The September 15, 1977, letter advised the [] Pre-Trial Diversion Case Number [] had been accepted by the Probation Office in Nebraska. The letter stated on September 1, 1977, a final hearing was conducted by the Mental Health Board of Dodge County, Fremont, Nebraska, and the Board found probable cause to believe that [] was a mentally ill dangerous person and that neither voluntary hospitalization or other treatment alternatives, less restrictive to his liberty, would suffice and he was therefore ordered confined to the [] [] Nebraska. A review of [] case was scheduled for six months later. The letter advised that the Chicago Office would be advised of [] progress in connection with treatment he receives while being confined.